

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 51 – SB 1320

March 11, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Defines “child wellness center” as a program within a member-based facility operated by any private fitness entity, health facility, or entity that provides wellness and recreational programming in addition to providing child care for children between six weeks and twelve years of age while parents or custodians participate in short-term activities within the premises if certain child-specific activities are also offered on premises.

Exempts a child wellness center from child care agency licensure requirements under the Department of Human Services (DHS). The supervision of care of children must be incidental to the overall purpose of the child wellness center. All staff responsible for the direct delivery of services at the center including child fitness and wellness programming, camps, and child care is required to possess specialized qualifications directly related to the recreational services being offered and be certified in child or infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) within 60 days of hire.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003809): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands the definition of drop-in centers so that any center that provides child care for no more than two hours per day with a maximum of ten hours per week without compensation while the parent or other custodian is engaged in short-term activities on the premises of the organization has to register with the Department of Human Services (DHS) as a center providing casual care and will not be regulated as a drop-in center.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Currently, only these defined centers that are operated by a not-for-profit organization are allowed to register as providing casual care and are not regulated by DHS. The provisions of the bill as amended will exempt centers that are operated by for-profit organizations from DHS regulation as a drop-in center if they register with the department.

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- Based on information provided by DHS, the bill as amended will not change the number of drop-in centers regulated by the department nor will it affect their current regulatory procedures.
- Any fiscal impact will not be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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